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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 27 March 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

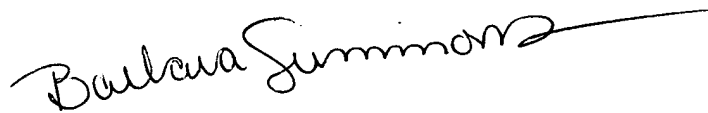
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

*All claims are entered, except for claim 36.*

*The reason claim 36 is not entered is because it does not reflect the change made by the Examiner's Amendment, such that claim 36 depends from a non-existent claim 39.*



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